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SUBJECT: DR. KHALID'S CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

1. DR. MANSOUR KHALID, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HELD A 30 MINUTE DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL AND REGIONAL RELATIONS SEPTEMBER 25 WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS HABIB. KHALID BEGAN BY NOTING THAT THE JULY COUP ATTEMPT WAS DIFFICULT TO PUT DOWN AND POINTED UP SERIOUS WEAKNESSES IN SUDAN'S INTERNAL SECURITY; NEVERTHELESS THE GOVERNMENT HAD COME OUT OF IT STRENGTHENED BECAUSE, HAVING SEEN THE ALTERNATIVE, THE SUDANESE PEOPLE WERE NOW MORE THAN EVER HAPPY WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION KHALID ALLUDED TO SUDAN'S NEED

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THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRIENDS. IN ANSWER TO UNDER SECRETARY HABIB'S QUESTION ON WHAT GOS HAD DONE TO FURTHER ITS SECURITY, KHALID SAID GOS HAD ALREADY GONE AS FAR AS IT COULD BY IDENTIFYING THE PROBLEM, TALKING WITH NEIGHBORS AND BRINGING THE MATTER BEFORE THE ARAB LEAGUE, OAU AND UN. EGYPT UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM VERY WELL, IS WILLING TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION BUT HAS ITS OWN PROBLEMS WITH LIBYA (MAINLY EGYPTIANS WORKING THERE) AND IS THUS LIMITED IN

WHAT IT CAN DO. KHALID NOTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS HELPING SIGNIFICANTLY BUT PERHAPS NOT AS MUCH AS GOS WOULD LIKE. THE UNDER SECRETARY ASKED KHALID HOW HE SEES OUR HELPING BEYOND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE, POINTING OUT THAT WE HAVE NO LEVERAGE WITH THE LIBYANS AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO ACQUIRE ANY. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON FMS SO THAT WE CAN MEET SUDAN'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE SIX C-130 AIRCRAFT. THERE IS, OF COURSE, ALWAYS IN THE BACKGROUND THE PROBLEM OF OUR ARMS SALES POLICY AND THIS IS A FACTOR IN CONSIDERING WHAT WE CAN DO. KHALID COULD MAKE NO SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT MORE WE COULD DO, BUT REPEATED THAT SUDAN NEEDED TO IMPROVE ITS SECURITY AND INTERNAL, TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS. TERRORISM IS ALSO A PROBLEM, HE ADDED, AND GOS WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO COMBAT IT EFFECTIVELY. AMBASSADOR BREWER, WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING, INFORMED KHALID THAT WE ARE HELPING WITH TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS.

2. KHALID TOLD THE UNDER SECRETARY THAT SOMALIA IS A LOST CAUSE. KUWAIT, WHICH STILL HAS SOME TIES WITH SOMALIA, IS ATTEMPTING TO MODERATE SIAD'S POLICY BUT SAUDI ARABIA NO LONGER HAS INFLUENCE IN MOGADISCIO. ANY PRESSURE FOR CHANGE IN SOMALIA, KHALID FELT, MUST COME FROM WITHIN.

3. KHALID DESCRIBED THE EPMG AS A VERY DIFFICULT GROUP OF MEN BUT DOUBTED THEY WOULD GO ALL THE WAY IN TRYING TO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS WITH SOMALIA OR ERITREA. SUDAN IS TRYING ITS BEST TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN ON THE ERITREA PROBLEM BUT FEELS IT HAS MORE SUCCESS IN DEALING WITH THE
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ELP/PLF THAN WITH THE EPMG. AN ADDITIONAL PROBLEM FACING THE INSURGENTS IS THE DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES HELPING THEM AS TO WHAT THE ERITREANS SHOULD SETTLE FOR, ALTHOUGH THE ELF RPT ELF ITSELF SEEMS UNITED ON ITS PURPOSES. THE UNDER SECRETARY SUGGESTED THAT WE COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUDAN'S RELATIVELY GOOD ACCESS TO THE DIRG TO COMPENSATE FOR OUR INABILITY TO CONVEY MESSAGES THAT WE FEEL ARE OF IMPORTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE DIRG COULD APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING WOMEN AND CHILDREN PRISONERS BETTER.

4. THE UNDER SECRETARY TOLD KHALID THAT THE VARIOUS EXPERTS WHICH AID HAS HAD IN SUDAN WILL BE MEETING HERE ON OCTOBER 18 WITH AID OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS WAYS WE MAY HELP THE SUDANESE WITH DEVELOPMENT. OUR PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ENORMOUS BUT IT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT AND WE HOPE TO RELATE IT TO SUDAN'S NEW SIX YEAR PLAN. THE UNDER SECRETARY

OBSERVED THAT HE FELT THE GOS WAS NOT HIGHLY IMPATIENT WITH OUR PACE IN RESPONDING TO ITS REQUESTS. KHALID SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS "UNDERSTANDABLY IMPATIENT" BUT THAT EVERYONE IN THE GOS WAS NOT SO PATIENT AS HE. ONE THING OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, KHALID REPORTED, IS THE SUDANESE-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION. UNDER SECRETARY HABIB EXPLAINED THAT WHAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, MAINLY WITH DAVID SCOTT OF ALLIS-CHALMERS, WAS A BUSINESS COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH THIS WAS PURELY A PRIVATE EFFORT, IT CERTAINLY ENJOYED THE BLESSINGS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. WHAT WAS NEEDED TO GET IT STARTED IN A PROPER WAY, HE FELT, WAS A STRONG COMMITMENT FROM A HIGH LEVEL EXECUTIVE OF AN AMERICAN FIRM AND OF A SIMILAR PERSON ON THE SUDAN SIDE. ROBINSON

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